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**Minutes of a meeting of the Eastern Centre Motocross Sub-Committee held at The
Walsham Le Willows Sports & Social Club, Summer Road, IP31 3AH,
On Monday 10th September 2012.**

1. **Welcome:** Mr A Hay, Chairman opened meeting: and accepted apologies from Mr J Blyth.
2. **Electronic Timing System:** A lengthy discussion took place regarding the progress of the Laps timing system implemented for 2012. Comment was made that the timing board had not been seen by riders during the recent Wakes Colne Meeting. Agreed that a larger sign was required and that it needed to be held/displayed prominently for the whole of the timing session.
Discussion around late entries and late withdrawals and the impact on the inputting of information onto the computer system.
Discussion around how the qualification should be managed with there being two options:
a) Top 40 fastest riders across the whole of the three/four qualifying groups
b) Top 13/14 from each group as per the old qualifying heat system
This topic caused much debate and after all present had their say on their preferred choice, a vote was taken.
The result was 6 – 2(with Mr Howlett passing on My Blyth's preference) in favour of the fastest 40, in A group, 41 onwards etc.
3. **Rescheduling of Cancelled Events:**
Mr Howlett stated that the rescheduling of the Halstead event to August had been a financial disaster. This item was discussed at length with the result that it would be preferable that in 2013, the dates on Sundays around the three evening meetings would be made available, where as in 2012 they had been avoided. It was agreed that during the 6-week span of evening meetings, clubs would be encouraged not to hold Centre Championships. It was also discussed as to whether it would be possible that in the event of a Centre Championship being cancelled, the aim would be to re-run within one month. A discussion of how this may be achieved ensued. Clubs would need to communicate with a view to ensuring that centre Championships took preference.
4. **2013 Centre Championship:** Paul Hubbard suggested that the Centre considers the idea of including an Over 40s Group within the Centre Championship. This was discussed at length with the outcome that this possibility is discussed further but the Committee were provisionally in favour.
5. **Mid-Week & Saturday Series:** Mr Grantham reported that he had obtained sponsorship for the 6 rounds of the Centre Championship from Bickers Lifting. £3000 has been offered. Discussion arose regarding how this would impact on individual clubs sponsors. Mr Howlett stated that the Cover of the programme could be a problem and agreed to send a PDF of the Halstead Programme cover to Paul Grantham. The consensus of opinion was that with delicate handling, all sponsors could be accommodated and that Clubs would benefit financially with the new input.
Mr Hay to send a draft contract for Paul Bickers
The Saturday series had not been a success and its future was in doubt. The Wednesday evening series had also suffered this year with entries very much down on 2011.
Discussion to the reasons for this and the financial implications to organising clubs took place. This item for future discussion.
6. **Entries / Dishonoured cheques:**
A general discussion took place regarding the system for dealing with dishonoured cheques. Mr Hay pointed out that there is a standard order of practice for this set down by the ACU. Mr Hay to circulate the procedure to all Clubs.
7. **Expert grading system:** Mr Hay had prepared a spreadsheet of current riders and their tally of expert points. A discussion took place, the result being that this would be revisited at the next sub committee meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Mr Howlett requested that the committee discuss the format of the Championship Meetings as the present format means that the expert riders have a very long break between their first and second race. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Set date for next meeting to include invited motocross organisers

Monday 5th November 7.45 Walsham Le Willows Sports and Social Club

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